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ORDINANCES, RULES,
AND
CONSTITUTIONS
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ROYAL COLLEGE
OF
SURGEONS
IN IRELAND.

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O F T H E
R O Y A L C O L L E G E
O F
S U R G E O N S.

I.

THAT this Seal, whereof the Impression is in the Margin, be the Seal of this College, and that it be affixed or appended to all Letters Testimonial, Certificates, Licenses, and other public Acts of the College.

Seal.

II.

THAT there shall be four Meetings of the College in every Year, exclusive of the Meeting appointed by Charter for the Election of Officers, in order to inquire into all Matters which may be deemed of importance to the general State of the College, and the better Regulation of the Profession; and that one of those Meetings shall be held on the first

Quarterly
Meetings.

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Monday

Monday in February, one on the first Monday in May, one on the first Monday in August, and one on the first Monday in November in every year.

III.

Fines.

THAT if the President or Vice-President (provided he has had timely Notice from the President to attend for him), shall be absent from the Court of Examiners, when due Notice has been given by Summons, that any Candidate for Letters Testimonial or License is to be examined, he shall be fined the Sum of one Guinea ; if any of the Censors shall be absent, Half-a-Guinea each ; if the Secretary shall be absent Half-a-Guinea : And if the President or Vice-president (provided he has had timely Notice from the President to attend for him) shall be absent from any Court of Assistants, when due Notice has been given by Summons, that any Candidate for Letters Testimonial or License is to be examined in consequence of an Appeal from the Court of Examiners, he shall be fined the Sum of one Guinea ; if any of the Court of Assistants shall be absent, Half-a-Guinea each ; and if the Secretary shall be absent, Half-a-Guinea.—And if any intended Meeting of the College, when due Notice has been given by Summons, shall be postponed on account of the Non-attendance of the President or Vice-President, (provided he has had timely Notice from the President to attend for him) he shall be fined Half-a-Guinea ; if on account of the Non-attendance of a sufficient number of Censors, the absent Censors shall be fined five Shillings British each ;

each; if on account of the Non-attendance of the Secretary, he shall be fined five Shillings British; and if on account of the Non-attendance of a sufficient Number of the Court of Assistants or Commonalty, those absent shall be fined Half-a-Crown British each: No excuse to be admitted but Sicknes or Absence from Dublin. And no Person incurring such Fine or Fines to be capable of voting, or executing any Office in the College until they shall be discharged, or remitted, by the respective Courts in which they were incurred.

IV.

THAT the Examination of every Candidate for ^{Examination,} Letters Testimonial shall be held in the Presence of the Members and Licentiates of the College, and that the Secretary shall, by regular Summons, give four Days Notice at least of such Examination.

V.

That every Candidate for Letters Testimonial ^{On two Days,} shall be solemnly examined as aforesaid on two several Days in Anatomy, Physiology, the theory and Practice of Surgery and Surgical Pharmacy.

VI.

THAT every Candidate for Letters Testimonial ^{Deposite,} shall previous to such Examination deposite in the Hands of the Treasurer, the Sum of twenty-Guineas; and on his being approved of, make and

subscribe in the Presence of the Courts of Examiners, or Assistants in Case of Appeal, the following Declaration, *viz.*

Declaration.

“ I, *A. B.* do solemnly and sincerely promise, “ that I will observe and be obedient to the Statutes, “ By-Laws and Ordinances of the Royal College “ of Surgeons in Ireland, and that I will to the ut- “ most of my Power endeavour to promote the Re- “ putation, Honour, and Dignity thereof.”

VII.

Appeal.

THAT in all Cases of Appeal from the Judgment of the President or Vice-President and Censors, or Examiners, to the Court of Assistants, the appeal shall be lodged with the President, Vice-President or Secretary, within eight Days after Rejection.

VIII.

**Ten Guineas
an Election.**

THAT every Person having attained Letters Testimonial shall, on his being elected a Member of the College, pay a further Sum of ten Guineas.

IX.

**Examination
in Midwifery.**

THAT the Court of Examiners may also Examine in Midwifery any Doctor of Physic, or regularly educated Surgeon, who shall apply for that Purpose (provided such Person be not a Fellow or Licentiate of the Royal College of Physicians in Ireland), and grant to such as shall appear duly qualified,

fied, a License to practice Midwifery ; and every such Person unless he be a Licentiate of this College shall previous to such Examination, deposite in the Hands of the Treasurer the Sum of ten Guineas ; and on his being approved of, make and subscribe in the presence of the Court of Examiners the Declaration set forth in No. VI.

Deposite.

X.

THAT every Person who shall be elected a Member of the College shall, within six Months after his Election, provided he be within the Kingdom, take the Oath prescribed by the Charter, or such Election shall be void ; and every Person who shall be elected or appointed an Officer, shall take the Oath prescribed by the Charter, within one Month after his Election or Appointment, otherwise such Election or Appointment shall be void.

XI.

THAT it shall be lawful for the College to elect from time to time as honorary Members, such Persons *only*, as have eminently distinguished themselves in the Science of Surgery ; and that the Diploma of such Election be presented to them without Expence.

Honorary
Members.

XII.

THAT the Election of Members or honorary Members shall be in the following Manner :—A Motion having been duly made and seconded, proposing any qualified Person to be elected a Member,

ber, or honorary Member, the Secretary shall post up his Name and Addition in some conspicuous Part of the Room of Meeting, and shall give at least four Days notice in the Summons for the next Meeting, when the College shall proceed to such Election ; and if it shall appear that the Majority of the Members then present, have ballotted in his Favour, he shall be declared duly elected.

XIII.

Vice-Presi-
dent.

THAT the President shall appoint by Deed or Instrument under his Hand and Seal, a Vice-president, within one Month after his election.

XIV.

Professors.

THAT for the better Advancement of the Profession, it shall be lawful for the College to elect or appoint a Professor or Professors, who shall annually give a regular Course or Courses of Lectures on Anatomy, Physiology, the Practice and Operations of Surgery, Surgical Pharmacy, and Midwifery.

XV.

Pupils.

THAT no Member or Licentiate of the College, shall take, as an Apprentice or Pupil, any Person who has not been previously examined and approved of by the President or Vice-President, and two of the Censors ; such Approbation to be expressed

pressed by Deed or Instrument under their Hands and Seals respectively.

XVI.

THAT every Person so approved of shall, on his Registry, paying the Sum of five Guineas, be registered by the Secretary as a Pupil to the College; provided the Member or Licentiate to whom he shall be indented is not then in Arrear of his annual Subscription.

XVII.

THAT every Member or Licentiate who shall be convicted of having taken with an Apprentice or Pupil, whom he is to maintain in his House, a less Fee than two Hundred Guineas, or with one whom he is not to maintain in his House, a less Fee than one Hundred Guineas; shall be expelled if a Member, and if a Licentiate his License withdrawn; and every Member or Licentiate taking an Apprentice or Pupil shall make and subscribe a Declaration upon his Honour, either that he has really and *bona fide* received such Fee of two Hundred or one Hundred Guineas, as the Case may be, or Value, or that he has not received, nor does he expect to receive, any Fee whatsoever.

XVIII.

THAT if any Member or Licentiate shall be convicted of having more than two Apprentices or
Pupils

Pupils at one and the same time without the Permission of the College, he shall be incapable of voting or filling any office.

XIX.

**Annual sub-
scription.**

THAT each Member and Licentiate shall pay to the Treasurer yearly one Guinea, towards establishing a Library and defraying the necessary Expenses of the College, until a sufficient fund shall accumulate for those purposes.

XX.

**List of default-
ers**

THAT the Treasurer shall lay before the College at every meeting, a list of such Members and Licentiates as shall be in arrear, and that the same shall be publicly read by the Secretary, immediately after the Transcript of the Proceedings of the last meeting has been compared, and signed by the President or Vice-President, and afterwards it shall be posted up in some conspicuous Part of the Public Meeting Room of the College.

XXI.

Penalties.

THAT every Member or Licentiate shall be required to pay his annual Subscription on the first Day of January in every Year, on which Day it shall be deemed to be due and if he shall neglect so to do, before the next quarterly Meeting, then

then the Treasurer shall give him notice in Writing that he is in arrear, and if he shall, on the second quarterly Meeting in May, still neglect or refuse to pay his Subscription, the Name of such Member or Licentiate shall be struck out of the List of Members or Licentiates, and not printed in the Almanack or other Public List, nor shall he be summoned to attend any of the meetings of the College, or Courts of Examiners or Assistants, or be permitted to vote or discharge any Office, or to register any of his Apprentices as Pupils until the said arrear be discharged.

XXII.

THAT for the better maintaining the Honor and Dignity of the Profession of Surgery, no person practising as an Apothecary or Druggist, or keeping a shop in the City of Dublin or the Liberties thereof, shall be admitted a Member or Licentiate of this College, and if such Person be already a Member he shall upon proof thereof before the College be expelled, if a Licentiate his License shall be withdrawn.

Apothecary,
&c.

XXIII.

THAT every Member, Honorary Member or Licentiate of the College, shall consult with any other Member, Honorary Member, or Licentiate, and whosoever refuses so to do shall be liable to such Censure as the College may think proper to inflict.

Consultation.

XXIV.

Not to consult
etc.

THAT no Member, Honorary Member or Licentiate, shall consult with any Surgeon or Practitioner in Surgery, usually resident in the City of Dublin, who is not a Member, Honorary Member or Licentiate, of the College ; and any Member, Honorary Member or Licentiate who shall be convicted of so doing, shall for the first offence be cited to appear, and solemnly admonished by the Chairman in full College assembled, and any Member or Honorary Member who shall be again convicted of so doing, shall be expelled ; and any Licentiate who shall be again convicted of so doing, shall have his Letters Testimonial or License withdrawn, and be rendered incapable for ever of being elected a Member of the College.

XXV.

Reports.

THAT any Member who shall be convicted before the College of having made a false and corrupt report to a Magistrate of the State of Health of any Person, shall be expelled, and any Licentiate, Shall have his Letters Testimonial withdrawn.

XXVI.

Disputes.

THAT all Professional disputes between the individual Members, Honorary Members, or Licentiates of

of the College, shall be submitted to the determination of the College.

XXVII.

THAT no Member, Honorary Member, or Licentiate of the College, shall accuse any other Member, Honorary Member or Licentiate, of Malpractice or Mistake out of the College, or give countenance to such accusation made by others, under such penalty as the College shall think proper to inflict.

XXVIII.

THAT the College shall elect on the first Monday in January in every Year, or within Ten Days thereafter, or so often as a vacancy shall happen, by a Majority of Votes, a Register or Secretary.

XXIX.

THAT the College shall also elect on the first Monday of January in every Year or within ten Days thereafter, or so often as a Vacancy shall happen, by a Majority of votes, a Bursar or Treasurer, who shall (provided he undertakes the Office) give Security by Bond and Warrant in the Sum of £,500 for the faithful discharge of the said Office; on which Bond no Judgment shall be entered until default, and shall be always in the possession of the President.

XXX.

WHEREAS it is for the Honor of all Members who may be elected to the several Offices of the College that such election be by the unbiased suffrages of the Members.

Votes.

THAT any Member who solicits for Votes, or uses any undue Influence to procure his Election, shall upon Conviction thereof be rendered incapable of filling any Office in the College for the future.

XXXI.

By-Laws.

THAT no By-Law shall be made or repealed, otherwise than in the following manner, *viz.*

A Motion being duly made, and seconded, the President or Vice President shall put a Question thereon, and if carried in the affirmative it shall be entered on the Minute Book, and the Secretary shall on the same Day put up a Copy of it, in a conspicuous part of the place of Meeting, there to remain for the perusal of the Members until the next Meeting, when the College shall resolve itself into a Committee of the whole College to deliberate on, and amend the said Motion if they shall think fit; and at the next or third Meeting inclusive, it shall be ratified and confirmed, or rejected.

XXXII.

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THAT all the Members shall take their places ^{Places.} when the College proceeds to Business, and when any Member speaks, he shall stand up and address himself to the Chairman and the rest shall remain silent.

XXXIII.

THAT when two or more offer to speak at the same time, the Chairman shall determine who shall speak first. ^{Speaking.}

XXXIV.

THAT the College shall proceed to take the Order or Orders of the Day into Consideration before any new Matter be proposed or debated. ^{Order of the Day.}

XXXV.

THAT the Chairman only, shall deliver the Sentiments of the College. ^{Chairman.}

XXXVI.

THAT every Member, Honorary Member and Licentiate of the College shall be furnished with a copy of the Charter and of the Code of By-Laws. ^{Copy of Charter, &c.}

XXXVII.

XXXVII.

Repeal, &c.

THAT all former By-Laws and Ordinances are hereby repealed and declared null and void, and all Acts of the College, contrary to the By-Laws and Ordinances now enacted untill such time as the same shall be duly repealed or altered are hereby also declared null and void.

By order of the College,

GEO. STEWART, *President.*

JAMES HENTHORN, *Secretary.*

May 29th, 1792.

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